

**SAINTS MARKELLA AND DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke

## Thekla the Protomartyr & Equal to the Apostles



This saint was from the city of Iconium. When she was eighteen years of age, she was instructed in the Faith of Christ and the hope of the resurrection by the Apostle Paul, whom also she followed, forsaking her betrothed and espousing a life of virginity for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. Having preached Christ in various cities and suffered many things, she reposed in Seleucia of Cilicia at the age of 90.

# **Worship Guide**

September 24, 2017

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion in Grave Tone**

O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ Our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

## **For the Theotokos in the Fourth Tone**

O come, all you people, and let us in faith clap our hands and sing sacred songs to her who is the Mother of God, and longingly cry aloud: "Rejoice, O protection of all those who entreat you; rejoice, the salvation of those who honor you with longing; rejoice, O Lady who restored the paralyzed man to health."

## **For Saint Thekla in the Third Tone**

All aflame with love for your Creator, from the teachings of the sacred preacher, you disregarded as fleeting all things mundane. And being bold in the face of the penalties, you gave yourself as a beautiful gift to God. Thekla, glorious companion of the Apostle Paul, we pray you entreat your Bridegroom, Christ, and ask Him to grant us His great mercy

## **Troparion of St. Markella in the First Tone**

Obedient to the laws of the Lord and to His divine teachings, you kept them blamelessly, O Markella and being frightened of the violence of your father who pursued you. O pure bride of Christ you hid in the mountains where he found you and took your life. Glory to Him who has given you strength, Glory to Him who has crowned you, Glory to Him who works healings through you to everyone.

## **Troparion of St. Demetrios in the Third Tone**

The world found in you a great champion in danger. A victor who could turn the nations back. As you restrained Levi in the arena, you also inspired Nestor to courage. Therefore, Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, entreat Christ God, to grant us great great mercy!

## **Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Tone**

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## **EPISTLE READING**

### **II Timothy 3:10-15**

*Prokeimenon. Mode 4.*

*Psalm 67*

*God is wondrous in His Saints*

*Verse: Bless God in the churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel*

TIMOTHY, MY SON, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **The Gospel According to Luke 5:1-11**

AT THAT TIME, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

## TODAY IN OUR PARISH

*1 Year Memorial for Stella Philpot. May Her Memory be Eternal!*

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

First Day for Elementary age Class, with Mrs. Rebecca Fletcher, and Junior/Senior Class, with Mrs. Vickie Boolos. The roster for each class is on the Sunday School Board in the Hall.

The Pre-School Class is meeting today as well.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### **Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

6pm: Post Festival Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

6pm: Orthodoxy 101

### **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:30AM Bible Study



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Orthodoxy 101

The Orthodoxy 101 group is starting back on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The topic is Orthodoxy and Holy Scripture.

## Thyanoxia Church Opening of Panagia Chapel at Diakonia Center

Much thanks to all in the Parish who submitted names for the Panagia Chapel and those who have made contributions to its construction. The Chapel will have a formal Opening Ceremony on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. All persons in the Metropolis are invited to attend. Fr. Thomas will be going. Please contact him if you are interested in attending.

## St. Demetrios Luncheon October 22<sup>nd</sup>

We will be having our annual St. Demetrios Luncheon on Sunday, October 22. Please join us! Plates will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and children 5 and under are free.

## Parish General Assembly, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Friendly reminder of our Fall General Assembly that day. Please join us!



### **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Maria McCloud**

In Loving memory of her mother, Gramatiki Kostiou

***Coffee Hour Next Week: Georgia Jensen***

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***USHERS: Cookie Kostopoulos, Steve Paros, and Jeanette Rosa***

***GREETERS: Gene Bass and Mark Simunovich***

***ALTAR BOYS TEAM: Zacharias Fletcher, Nicolai Kasch,  
Jonathan Morgan, Jet Reaves, Kadin Reaves, Nicholas McBroom***

# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us today for worship. This is information to help make your worship experience more meaningful.

At 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy, which is the main worship service of the Orthodox Church, begins with the words from the priest "Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...".

The beginning of the service may be found on page 1 of the small red book entitled The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. Each Sunday the Epistle, Gospel and certain hymns change to express what is being celebrated that day. This guide has them printed out for you so you may follow along more easily.

We welcome people of all faiths and denominations to worship with us and appreciate your presence. For those who are not Orthodox Christians we ask that you not receive the Holy Communion when it is offered to the congregation. Those visitors who are Orthodox Christians may receive Communion provided you normally receive at your home parish and have not been restricted in any way. For Orthodox Christians, when in doubt whether to receive or not, please ask Fr. Thomas in advance and he will be happy to advise you.

For those of you visiting an Orthodox Christian Church for the first time, we pray that you have a very meaningful worship experience.

Orthodox worship reaches all five senses. Through sight with the icons, church architecture and the movement of worship; through smell with the use of incense; through sound through the beauty of the Church music; through taste with the receiving of Holy Communion; and through touch with lighting of candles, crossing oneself, and the veneration of icons.

You will find that the Orthodox place a great emphasis on reverence in worship. Our reverence is serious, but also very joyful as well.

Please ask one of the attendants in the Narthex (the back of the church) if you have any questions. May God continue to bless and keep all of us.

## **PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES**

Please bring names of your loved ones, both living and deceased, so the priest may pray for them. We pray for all people. With Divine Liturgy, the names of the Orthodox are commemorated during the Proskomidi (the Preparation of the Gifts) and during Liturgy.

Erica Ailes	Steve Stephanopoulos	Julie Mamani
Dorothy Eshelman	Mary Ann Carr	Dana Visoiu
Ariel McBroom	Nancy Janos	Fr. George Dursa
Katia Antonis	Stanojka Stevanovic	Angela McBroom
Zachary Fletcher	Vonni Cobb	Badra Walters
Nicholas McBroom	Mary Spiridoula Kalista	Fr. Thomas Newlin
Marina Newlin	David Stewart	Litsa Carrion
Chryssoula Henderson	Angela Walters Comfort	Angela Hlavity
Butch Otis	Philip Kanellopoulos	Edward Scruggs & Family
The Boltz Family	Janet Sutherland	Constantine Sneider
Jim Hobson	Max Copeland	Janice Parton
Tina Puffer	Sheree Kanellopoulos	Jamie Douglas
Lark Tringas Bostick	Sue and John Tullis	Gene & Alexis Bass
Jake Hoskin	Tsao Chien Din	Col. Philip Trexler
Xaire Sheikho	Carl Kruljac	
Kathy Bowdoin & Family	Lou Vagias, Sr.	All service men and women who
Cleopatra Hughes & Family	Mike & Debra Donagan	are deployed overseas

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**The Following Individuals/Families Have Submitted a Pledge Card for 2017:**

Gene and Thea Bass	Georgia Jensen
Andrew and Toni Nicolopoulos	Lou Vagias, Sr
Kathryn Bastian	Frederick and Panagiota Johnson
Joe and Despina O'Neil	Panagis and Irene Vallianatos
Stella Benaquis	Craig and Mariya Kasch
Nicholas and Tanya Papadopoulos	Vaselike Betty Vallianatos
Vonni Cobb	Cookie Kostopoulos
Samuel and Nora Pappas	Nick and Candace Vlahos
Barbara Denamur	Helen Kuritz
Edward and Michelle Parimuha	John Walker
Sophia Dudek	Colin and Lydia LaFavor
Steve and Veta Paros	Harold and Joyce Walter
Trina Fallon	Angela and Andrew McBroom
Anastas and Betsy Pazevic	Mary Walters
Laszlo and Ionela Feczko	Rodney and Jamilah Williams
Dale and Molly Perkins	Mike and Susan Horner
Scott and Lynne Fehrenbach	Lou and Maria McCloud
Magdi and Hoda Rizk	George and Nina Michas
Keith and Rebecca Fletcher	Dr. Elizabeth Michas
Jeannette Rosa	George Karov
Alan and Mary Gardner	John and Connie Morgan
Laith and Safaa Sahawneh	Harold and Anita Diamond
Lena Giannios	Katy Kruljac
Joann Yanora-Salazar	Joseph Abbate
Terri Grammas	Charles & Margaret Abbate
Mark and Iris Simunovich	Anthony & Miriam Aldehneh
Tom and Janice Hewlett	Kathleen Reed
Michael and Alexandra Sneider	Garry & Patty Overholt
Linda and Nick Holoviak	Paul & Candace Lamitina
Angelos and Katrina Thomas	Betty Jo Billups
Cleopatra Hughes	Eugenia Ursu
Karl and Sandy Trammell	Veronica & Ruslan Josan
	Tim & Vicki Boolos
	Oana Cazacu
	Malpa Fuller
	Alan & Mary Gardner
	Jason Harris

***“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”***

***(Joshua 24:15)***